

Virginia Public Safety Outreach Conference

Preventing Cultural Roadblocks:
Understanding Community's
Multi-cultural Heritage

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Cultural Barriers – Muslim Community

- Lack of Disaster Plan
- Lack of Education
- Language
- Dietary Needs
- Gender Conscious Community – Men should not touch Muslim Women
- Shelters - must be gender specific

Cultural Barriers

- Lack of Disaster Plan
 - Place of Worship - Mosque
 - Islamic School
- Lack of Education / Awareness of Disaster
 - This cannot happen to me

Cultural Barriers

- Language

- _ Mostly Older People

Cultural Barriers

- Gender Conscious Community
 - _ Males should not touch Muslim Females and Vice Versa
 - _ Permissible under life threatening situations

Cultural Barriers

- Emergency Shelters Must be Gender Specific
 - _ Females only
 - _ Males only

Cultural Barriers

- Dietary Needs

- _ Muslims do not eat Pork & Pork Products including Lard
- _ Eat Halal (Kosher) Meat Only
- _ Safest Food is Vegetarian & Sea Food

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